

**James Innes to George Washington, September 8, 1754,  
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**FROM COLONEL JAMES INNES.**

CAMP ATT WILLS CREEK 8th Septr. 1754 —

DER SIR

Your favour of the 4th Sepm. I received this moment but as yett have not Seen Major Stephens. as for my giving you Orders to proceed here I cannot see to what purpose without you have your regiment Complite, here being Sufficient to guard the place if I had enny Tools to work with to throw up a proper Intrinchment. I have mounted Five Guns which is all I can do. Nor can I gett as much as a Spaid to Trench Rownd my Tent. though I have recomended the getting of Tools to do Camp Dewty ever Since my first Account of the Stores. I have recomended what I think may be done this Winter. & if we be Strong Enough before the Winter Setts in Strong, or perhaps it may prove a favourable Winter then we may do our Business Before they gett Stronger: You may depend the French do not Slip there time though I am ashamed to Say I think we have. & Next year you may Depend they will be Suffisiently Strong to hold you Way with all the Forces that leakly may be Sent against them. You may depend they will have boeth men & Stores Sent them in time from home. I shall allways be glad to hear from you.

I am Dr Sir Your Most Hubl Sertt JAMES INNES

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P. S. I have studied everything Since my first Setting forth for the good of the Country & as I can have no private Views of my own I Expected att least to have their good Wishes untill I deserved Otherways but my private Accounts as I have some few friends give me poor Incuragement. if I am found fault with without a Cause what must the Case be if I Should comitt a Blunder as all men are mortale and Subject to common frailty. A Surfite is verrey Soon hade here in these woods & I am a good Deall of money out of pockett fer verrey poor returens